

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2649–S2722**

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 510–521, S.J. Res. 13, and S. Res. 62. **Page S2691**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 110th Congress, First and Second Sessions”. (S. Rept. No. 111–5) **Page S2691**

**Measures Passed:**

**Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 520, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the “Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse”. **Page S2721**

**Measures Considered:**

**Omnibus Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2652–58, S2659–78**

**Rejected:**

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 74), McCain Amendment No. 592, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2652–58**

By 33 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 75), Ensign Modified motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions. **Pages S2659–63**

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 76), Hutchison motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions. **Pages S2663–64, S2673–74**

**Pending:**

Coburn Amendment No. 596, to require the use of competitive procedures to award contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements funded under this Act. **Pages S2667–68**

Coburn Amendment No. 608, to provide for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act from funds already provided for the Weed and Seed Program. **Pages S2668–69**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 623, to prohibit taxpayer dollars from being earmarked to 14 clients of a lobbying firm under Federal investigation for making campaign donations in exchange for political favors for the group’s clients. **Pages S2669, S2670–73**

Coburn Amendment No. 610, to prohibit funding for congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects. **Pages S2669–70**

Wicker Amendment No. 607, to require that amounts appropriated for the United Nations Population Fund are not used by organizations which support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization. **Pages S2674–76, S2678**

Thune Amendment No. 635, to provide funding for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health, with an offset. **Pages S2676–77**

Murkowski Amendment No. 599, to modify a provision relating to the repromulgation of final rules by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S2677–78**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. **Page S2721**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Pages S2721–22**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2691**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2691**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2691–92**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2692–S2718**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2718–21**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2721**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—76) **Pages S2657, S2663, S2674**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2721.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE ACQUISITIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense, and S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Jacques S. Gansler, former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Defense Science Board Task Force on Industrial Structure for Transportation, College Park, Maryland; Paul G. Kaminski, National Research Council, Fairfax Station, Virginia; and Charles Adolph, Defense Science Board Task Force on Developmental Test and Evaluation, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protections in financial services, after receiving testimony from Steve Bartlett, Financial Services Roundtable, and Ellen Seidman, New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Patricia A. McCoy, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford.

### ECONOMIC AND BUDGET CHALLENGES

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic and budget challenges for the short and long term, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### SMART GRID TECHNOLOGIES AND INITIATIVES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the progress on smart grid initiatives authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in the stimulus bill, and opportunities and impediments in installation of smart grid technologies, after receiving testimony from Sudeen G. Kelly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Patrick D. Gallagher, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Frederick F. Butler, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Newark, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Edward Lu, Google, Inc., Mountain View, California; Katherine Hamilton, The GridWise Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Evan R. Gaddis, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Rosslyn, Virginia.

### IRANIAN POLITICAL AND NUCLEAR REALITIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iranian political and nuclear realities and United States policy options, after receiving testimony from Frank G. Wisner, former United States Ambassador to Zambia, Egypt, the Philippines, and India, and Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, both of New York, New York; Mark Fitzpatrick, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, United Kingdom; and Karim Sadjadpour, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.